IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Examiner: J.A. Dunston
Michael GIESING et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1636
Patent Application No. 10/525,019)	Confirmation No.: 4832
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METHOD FOR ANALYZING BODY FLUIDS FOR THE PRESENCE OF For: CANCER CELLS, USE THEREOF, CORRESPONDING ANALYSIS KITS, AND USE OF SPECIFIC ACTIVE SUBSTANCES FOR TREATING

CANCER

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of January 5, 2009 and the Advisory Action of April 24, 2009, and further to the Amendments of April 13, 2009, April 27, 2009, and April 28, 2009. Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time ("Petition"). This submission is timely in view of the Petition to extend the period for response to July 5, 2009.

Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.